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SOURCE

On 21 January 1953, the Reiter Kaserne in Beeskow was occupied to capacity by about 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia. About 30 soldiers were engaged in athletic activities in the barracks yard, while 15 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including some with motor transport insignia stood near the guardhouse and 6 soldiers with 2 two-wheel carts entered the installation. Sixteen trucks

entered the installation, coming from the direction of Frankfurt/Oder. The trucks were loaded with six pontoon halves and lumber of different sizes for bridge construction. Another truck towed a trailer carrying a motorboat. No personnel were seen with the trucks. The empty truck was parked in the barracks yard and truck loaded with coal entered the installation.

Comment. the Reiter Kaserne is still occupied by the 468th Gds Mort Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div. The engineer vehicles seen on 21 January 1953 belong to the Fourth Gds Mecz Army, and probably to the 122th (?) Gds Eng Bn of the afore mentioned division. Units of this battalion had left their military post at Fuersternwalde on 1 January 1953. On 16 January, another source had already observed the entraining of engineers who had come from the Reiter Kaserne in Beeskow. This movement and the afore mentioned movements probably were in conjunction with an exercise in building a pontoon bridge which was constructed across the Oder-Spree canal west of Muellrose on 20 January and was dismantled on 21 January.

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